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COUNTRY Germany (Russian Zone)

SUBJECT Russian Submarine Tests in
Swinemünde Bay

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1. Between 1100 and 1200 hours on either 7, 8 or 9 May 1947--a bright, sunny day with a slight haze on the surface of the water--source (who cannot recall the exact date) was aboard a fishing boat, approximately 800 meters offshore in Swinemunde Bay, when six Russian submarines partially broke the surface.

2. Only the conning towers and rails were seen, and the decks remained awash, as the six submarines proceeded slowly in line, about 300 yards apart. They were three to five kilometers offshore and were escorted by two low-flying twin-engine, two-seater seaplanes.

23 Familiar with the sight and sound of French and German submarines during the war, [] struck by the unusual sound made by the Soviet submarine engines: "a deep drone, like a bomber fleet overhead". This sound, together with maneuvers, aerial escort, and an apparent lack of armament, [] to believe that these vessels were testing jet motors. This assumption is based on source's knowledge that the German Navy was developing submarine jet motors at Swinemünde and Gdynia during the last months of the war, and that most of this equipment was captured by the Russians.

4. It was noted that the sudden appearance of the submarines did not surprise the German fishermen [redacted] suggesting that the Russian vessels are either based in the vicinity or make frequent trips there.

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